

Discussion: Goals and Message of the Work Group—led by Zann Nelson

Role(s) of the MLK History of Lynching Work Group

- Role as MLK subcommittee in regard to the larger MLK Commission
- Role in supporting communities across the Commonwealth
- Role in supporting Virginia Department of Historic Resources and Equal Justice Initiative

Goals (suggested)

- Development of a cohesive message
- Spread the message
- Educate and inform re lynching in VA and the recent lynching resolution
- Support and facilitate communities to engage in education re the history of lynching
- Other

Message:

1. Statement about Lynching: Ex. Lynching was an act of terror that continues to impact communities today if not overtly then in less obvious ways prohibiting their growth as healthy and compatible places where all residents can thrive. It is understudied, under reported and grossly misunderstood.
2. Statement: Virginia is the first state in the nation to pass a resolution acknowledging the tragedy and travesty of lynching and to assign to a legislative commission the task of creating a data base of facts related to lynching and lynching victims, accessible to all.
3. Statement: The History of Lynching Work Group (HLWG) ?? can offer communities the following (support, speakers, resource list, other) *This can be better answered once we establish the goals of the group.*